

FISCAL NOTE

HB 403 - SB 938

March 26, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines a "school resource officer" as a law enforcement officer certified by the peace officers standards and training (POST) commission and has received a minimum of 40 hours of training in school policing and who has been assigned to a school by a memorandum of understanding between the chief of a law enforcement agency and the LEA. SROs must participate in annual advance training in school policing. Allows a law enforcement officer to substitute a maximum of 40 hours of school policing for regular continuing education hours.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$170,100

Assumptions:

- At present, schools are not required to have a school resource officer (SRO).
- There is currently no statutory mandate that school law enforcement officers be POST certified. The provisions of this bill would require SROs to be post certified and to have the required 40 hours of specialized training.
- According to the Department of Education, there are 572 school resource officers. An estimated 33% or 190 of these SROs do not currently possess the required training.
- Required training cost is estimated to be \$895 per officer (\$500 for tuition and \$395 for travel).
- Estimated cost to train 190 officers is \$170,050 (190 x \$895).

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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